



TOWN OF SHREWSBURY

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Richard D. Carney Municipal Office Building

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Minutes Board of Sewer Commissioners

Meeting: September 18, 2007

Present: Joseph Zecco, Chairman
Paul Swydan, Secretary
Paul Burnett
Jack Perreault, Town Engineer

Absent: Robert Tozeski, Superintendent Water & Sewer

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Skip Burnett seconded by Paul Swydan to approve the minutes of June 4, 2007. Vote was unanimous in favor.

7:05 P.M. Kings Point Drive

Joe Zecco opened the discussion for Kings Point Drive. Present for the home owners were Donna Manes, Mike Bellino and John Grenier. Ms. Manes described the conditions of the Kings Point properties; presented a letter of support for house #2 and #4 Kings Point from Nancy Allen, Director of Public Health; and presented a copy of her own letter relative to the request to extend the sewer. House #5 and #6 currently have functioning Title V systems.

There was considerable discussion about the unique circumstances of the Kings Point area, including insufficient lot areas to install an approved Title V system. Jack Perreault suggested that if the Board voted to approve the sewer extension, a condition of the approval should be no increase in the number of bedrooms for any house connected. There was also discussion about keeping the sewer private for maintenance and possible recovery of costs by Ms. Manes, or making it public. Ms. Manes is also considering installing a new water main, but it might not meet DEP's separation requirements. Ms. Manes will return to the next Sewer Commission Meeting with additional information.

140 Prospect Street

Frank Tomaiolo presented a sketch plan to the Sewer Commission for 140 Prospect Street. He would like to buy the existing property at 140 Prospect St. which has substantial frontage and area. The existing house and garage would be torn down. A plan would be submitted to create 2 lots which would meet current zoning for both frontage and area and would require no variances. Before he buys the property, he would like a determination from the Sewer Commission regarding two sewer connections for the property where currently only one exists.

Jack Perreault explained that the entire frontage of the property had been assessed a sewer betterment when the sewer was installed. Since the betterment has been paid, it was his opinion that the property is entitled to both connections. There is no extension of the sewer required.

Much discussion ensued regarding the difference between an extension and a connection. The Board also discussed the issue about what a property is entitled to once a betterment has been paid.

A motion was made by Paul Swydan and seconded by Skip Burnett to allow two connections for the property at 140 Prospect Street provided that both lots meet current zoning requirements for both frontage and area. The vote was unanimous in favor.

143 – 145 North Quinsigamond Ave.

Jack Perreault showed the Sewer Commission a plan of a parcel at 143-145 North Quinsigamond Avenue. Tony Argento gave the plan to Jack and he was unable to attend the meeting. The parcel contains 41,468 square feet of area, 180 feet of frontage, and is zoned for multi-family housing. There is a sewer truck line easement through the property, the sewer was installed in the 1970's, and a betterment has been assessed and paid.

There was much discussion about the similarities with the property at 140 Prospect Street. It was the opinion of the Board that they would probably approve the number of connections allowed by the zoning.

Jack Perreault gave the following updates:

The CWMP Phase 4 is nearly complete and the final hearing will be in late October or early November with the Board of Selectmen.

The Town is continuing discussion with the City of Worcester regarding a possible sewer connection.

The study of the Lake Street Park package Treatment Plant and disposal area has commenced.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Perreault
Town Engineer

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